

REMARKS

Please reconsider the claims in the application in view of the remarks below. In the present application, claims 1-10 and 12-15 remain pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-10 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the background section of the specification in the present application, referred to by the Examiner as APA, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,867 to Jazdzewski (hereinafter, “Jazdzewski”). With respect to claim 1, the the Examiner alleges that APA discloses all elements claimed in independent claims except for “receiving automatically a report of an update to the first model and converting the first model edited by said editing module into a second model, said first model using a view of said second model different from a view of said first model, and said first model not supporting the view of said second model, said second model associated with a different application from said application.” According to the Office Action’s allegation, Jazdzewski fills that gap.

As understood by applicants, Jazdzewski describes a visual development system which allows a user to derive forms from other “ancestor” forms, inheriting their components, properties, and code as a starting point for one’s own forms. According to Jazdzewski, ancestor forms are forms already contained in an existing project or in an “object repository” provided by the system (Sec, Jazdzewski, Abstract, col. 9, lines 32-46). “Object repository” refers to means for sharing and reusing forms and projects (See, Jazdzewski, col. 3, lines 28-29). The descendant forms are copies or inheritance of the ancestor forms.

In the Office Action, the Examiner analogizes the claimed first model and the second model to Jazdzewski's ancestor and descendant forms respectfully, and relies on the Jazdzewski's col. 9, lines 20-46 as allegedly filling in APA. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's interpretation. The first model claimed in the present application uses "a view of said second model different from a view of said first model." On the other hand, Jazdzewski's descendant form inherits from its ancestor form, meaning that one form is a copy of another form, i.e., the same form. Put in another way, Jazdzewski's ancestor form and descendant form are not different views. Rather, they are exactly the same view when the descendant view is inherited from the ancestor view. For at least that reason, Jazdzewski does not disclose or suggest the first model and the second model claimed in the present application, and the Examiner's analogy is erroneous.

The Examiner also erroneously relies on Jazdzewski's col. 9, lines 39-42, which states, "Form inheritance allows the user to create a library of standard form templates, either within a single application or across an entire suite of applications," to assert that Jazdzewski discloses the claimed "said second model associated with a different application from said application." In Jazdzewski, regardless of whether form templates can be created across an entire suite of applications, Jazdzewski's first model refers to an ancestor form stored in an existing project or repository that is pulled into an application window to create the descendant form (See Jazdzewski's Figs. 4-6. Both ancestor and descendant forms of Jazdzewski are associated with a single application, i.e., the visual development system. For at least this additional reason, Jazdzewski in combination with APA does not disclose or suggest every element claimed in independent claim 1.

Applicants also do not agree with the Examiner's interpretation of APA.

The cited passages from the background section of the originally submitted specification describe some of the known methods for providing a view to an application model. Specifically, paragraph 0026, which the Examiner cites, characterizes known editors that display a source model in a source code view. That paragraph recounts that a user must manually perform an explicit operation in order to see a preview display updated based on an edit. Paragraphs 0005-0008 on page 2 describe an application having interfaces to different views for a model. The background section shows Figure 39 to explain that a full static model conversion would be required to be able to generate a view of a second model even when there is a change in the first model if that view is not supported in the first model.

Jazdzewski as understood by applicants describes deriving forms from ancestor forms by retrieving available ancestor forms into an application and creating descendant forms that inherit the components of the ancestor forms.

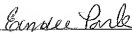
APA and Jazdzewski, however, do not disclose or suggest, “receiving automatically a report of an update to the first model and converting the first model edited by said editing module into a second model, said first model using a view of said second model different from a view of said first model, and said first model not supporting the view of said second model, said second model associated with a different application from said application” as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 12 and 15 and similarly claimed in independent claim 7.

For at least the above-reasons, applicants believe that APA and Jazdzewski do not disclose or suggest the elements of the independent claims as alleged in the Office Action.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

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